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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 24 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. JAPAN

ASSISTANT JUDGE SHIRO KITO, ACCUSED BY YOMIURI SHIMBUN OF IMPERSONATING GOVT'S PROSECUTOR GENRL IN TELEPHONE CALL TO MIKI IN ORDER IMPLICATE FORMER PM IN LOCKHEED COVERUP, HAS IGNORED SUMMONS TO APPEAR BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY COURT EMPOWERED REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE. AT PRESS CONF, KITO TERMED TRIAL "WITCH HUNT." IMPEACHMENT COURT HEARINGS SCHEDULED RESUME FRI, WITH OR W/O KITO (WP).

KEEPING OECD PLEDGE/RESPONDING TO EC CRITICISM, JAPAN SHIPBUILDERS' ASSN DECIDES STOP ACCEPTING NEW SHIP ORDERS FROM FRG FOR TIME BEING. PLEDGE CONTAINS FEW EXCEPTIONS, DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT INCLUDE SHIPS FOR REGISTRATION W/OTHER COUNTRIES (REUTER TOKYO).

IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT MINISTRY INSTRUCTS JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS RAISE PRICES ON ALL VESSELS TO BE BUILT FOR OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS BY AT LEAST 5 PCT OVER LAST YR'S PRICES. ORDER APPLIES TO ALL EXPORT ORDERS CONTRACTED

FROM 1/1/77-12/31/78 (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN MAKES FORMAL COMPLAINT BEFORE GATT'S ANTI-DUMPING CMTE AGAINST IMPOSITION OF ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON JAPANESE BALL BEARINGS BY EC. CMTE PLANS NO IMMEDIATE ACTION, WILL WAIT FOR FURTHER JAPAN-EC TALKS. IF TALKS FAIL, JAPAN COULD THEN LODGE ANOTHER FORMAL COMPLAINT WHICH COULD OPEN INVESTIGATION (UPI, JOC).

SOME 400 RIOT POLICE BATTLED W/ABOUT 70 DEMONSTRATORS AT TOKYO'S NEW INTL AIRPORT THURS, WHICH HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM OPENING FOR NEARLY 4 YRS BY PROTESTS. POLICE ALSO SAID TIME-CONTROLLED SMOKE BOMB FOUND IN AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S CENTRAL OFFICES. AIRPORT 1ST OPPOSED BY LOCAL FARMERS, THEN LEFT-WINGERS WHO CLAIMED IT WOULD HELP US' VN WAR EFFORT, NOW BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS (REUTER TOKYO).

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON JAPANESE STUDENTS' GRUELING PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS. SOME 900,000 STUDENTS SIT FOR DAYLONG EXAMS OVER 8-WK PERIOD, COMPETING FOR 600,000 OPENINGS.

2. CHINA

EDDIE WU (HK) REPORTS SOME 200,000 PERSONS, LARGEST NUMBER HK RESIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS, VISITED PRC DURING SPRING FESTIVAL. RETURNING TRAVELERS NOTE MORE RELAXED/JOYOUS MOOD/IMPROVED RECEPTION FOR VISITORS FROM HK (SUN).

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IN WSJ SPECIAL, VERONICA HUANG HIGHLIGHTS OPERATION OF TAI HUNG GARMENT FACTORY IN FEATURE ON ROLE SUCH SMALL FACTORIES PLAY IN HK'S IMPORTANT GARMENT INDUSTRY.

3. ASEAN

FONMINS VOICE HOPES SPECIAL MANILA MTG TODAY WILL LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT 1ST STEP TOWARD COMMART-TYPE ECON COOPERATION/ 2ND SUMMIT AMONG LEADERS (UPI, JOC). AGREEMENT ON PRE-FERENTIAL TRADING SIGNED AT 1-DAY MTG. ACCORD SPECIFIES CERTAIN PRODUCTS FOR WHICH TARIFF BARRIERS WILL BE LIFTED ON RATIFICATION (REUTER MANILA).

4. PHILIPPINES

WHO TESTIFIES THAT WHILE WATCHING WIDEMAN, SAW HIM TAKE ACTIVE PART IN ANTIGOV'T RALLY (WP).

5. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE OPPOSITION LEADER WHITLAM DECLINES INVITATION DINE
W/QUEEN AT GOVT HOUSE, SINCE "UNABLE ACCEPT" INVITATION

FROM PRESENT GOVGEN (REUTER CANBERRA).

ABORIGINE CHRISTIAN MINISTER SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR SOUTH
AUSTRALIA (RNS, NYT).

FORMER MAFIA LEADER TERESA HAS LEFT AUSTRALIA SECRETLY FOR
US AFTER BEING ORDERED OUT BECAUSE VISA NOT VALID (REUTER
SYDNEY).

6. PACIFIC ISLANDS

FRANCE REPORTEDLY CARRIED OUT UNDERGROUND NUKE TEST ON
MURUROA ATOLL, 700 MI SE TAHITI, 5 DAYS AGO. GOF
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OFFICIALS DECLINE COMMENT (REUTER PAPEETE).

7. CARTER NEWS CONFERENCE

AT SECOND NEWS SESSION, PRES WEDNESDAY DENIED ANY INTEN-
TION "SINGLE OUT" SOVIET ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE; CITED
"HORRIBLE MURDERS" IN UGANDA, SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
AND HAD SPOKEN ABOUT "POLITICAL PRISONERS" IN SK/CUBA.
SUN'S TREWHITT/NYT'S HOVEY OBSERVE CARTER DID NOT SPECI-
FICALLY MENTION PHILS/IRAN, THOUGH BOTH INCLUDED IN
REPORTER'S QUERY. SUN/NYT CARRY FULL TRANSCRIPIT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL (2/10) COMMENTARY SEES WARNKE NOMINATION
AS PART OF AMBITIOUS CARTER MOVES ON ARMS CONTROL. NOTES
PRES' CALL FOR US/SOVS END ALL NUCLEAR TESTING; AND FEELS
PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS--RUSSIAN WARINESS OF GROWING PRC
NUCLEAR POWER AND PRC/FRENCH RELUCTANCE JOIN NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT--ADD TO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING TOTAL TEST BAN.

KC STAR (2/10) CITES CARTER'S "GRAND CONCEPT OF A NUCLEAR
PEACE" AND HOPES FOR ARMS AGREEMENT; NOTES, INTER ALIA,
THAT ANY AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST EMBRACE PRC,
FRANCE AND UK.

9. KOREA

NATIONWIDE STUDY ON REV MOON FOLLOWERS BY RELIGIOUS HIS-

TORIAN JAY JUDAH DOCUMENTS CONVERSION OF YOUTHS WHOSE IDEAS ONCE REFLECTED COUNTERCULTURAL VIEWS TO MORE CONSERVATIVE, "ESTABLISHMENT" VIEWS. CONVERSION TO TOTAL ANTI-COMMUNISM SENTIMENTS MOST PROFOUND--EVEN SOME FORMER VN WAR PROTESTORS NOW JUSTIFY WAR ON GROUNDS IT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTEMPT STOP COMMUNIST ADVANCE (RUSSELL, WSTAR 2/23).
10. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S KAMM (MANILA) DISCUSSES US-PHILS RELS/PHILS' NEW ROLE IN SEA POWER BALANCE. FINDS US IMPRINT REMAINS DEEP, DESPITE HOSTILE STATEMENTS HEARD IN MANILA. MARCOS, WHEN ASKED RECENTLY WHETHER FEELING BETW US-PHILS REMAINS FRIENDLY DESPITE SUCH STATEMENTS, REPLIED, "BUT DEFINITELY." PRES SAID PHILS RESPONDED TO US' CHANGING FOPOL--DETENTE, THAILAND PULLOUT, VN DEFEAT, REASSESSMENT MIL ARRANGEMENTS W/JAPAN--BY ESTABLISHING RELS W/PRC, USSR, ASSERTING PLACE FOR ITSELF IN 3RD WORLD. KAMM REVIEWS US' MIL BASES QUESTION, SAYS NEUTRAL FON OBSERVERS BELIEVE ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED, BUT ENTIRE US-PHIL RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN BESET W/EMOTIONAL BURDENS OF HAVING BEEN CLOSER THAN ANY COMPARABLE INTL LINK--SITUATION WHICH SOME US OFFICIALS FEEL UNHEALTHY. OBSERVERS BELIEVE US COMPLACENCY OVER ULTIMATE PHIL INDEPENDENCE COMBINED W/PHILS' NATL SENSITIVITY ON SUBJECT MAY LEAD NATIONS FARTHER APART THAN EITHER DESIRES.

KAMM NOTES CARTER HAS NOT YET INDICATED ADMIN'S APPROACH TO PHILS; PRES MUST "NAVIGATE" BETW GOP DEMANDS FOR MORE FAVORABLE RELATIONSHIP/PRESSURES FROM AMCITS, FILS WHO WANT US POWER USED AS LEVER TO OBTAIN REFORMS UNDER MARCOS' RULE. STATES "QUALIFIED SOURCES" BELIEVE CARTER ATTACHES HIGHER PRIORITY TO SK, WHERE SIMILAR PROBLEM "POSED IN EXACERBATED FORM." CONCLUDES ALTHO PHILS HAVE ESTABLISHED DIP RELS W/USSR, NO EMBS YET ESTABLISHED; INFORMED SOURCES SAY ONE REASON IS THAT GOP ASKS USG CHECK CIA FILES OF ANY SOV DIPLOMAT WHOSE NAME SUBMITTED FOR MANILA POST--SO FAR, ALL NAMES SUBMITTED HAVE BEEN KGB AGENTS, WHOM GOP HAS TURNED DOWN.

LAT (2/23) PRINTS LETTER FROM PHILS' CONSUL-GENRL TORRES IN LA. TORRES TAKES "STRONG EXCEPTIONS" TO ONORATO UNCLASSIFIED

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ARTICLE (2/11) WHICH STATED US SHOULD USE ECON/MIL INFLU-

ENCE IN ORDER KEEP ITS PHIL BASES. TORRES TERMS THIS POSITION BLACKMAIL," CRITIEIZES MIL ASSISTANCE PACT AS INEFFECTIVE/LACKING. STATES US COMMITMENT IN DEFENSE TREATY DUBIOUS, SINCE EVACUATION US TROOPS WHEN NVN'S FORCES "WERE KNOCKING AT THE GATES OF SAIGON." REASSERTS GOP'S NON-COMPROMISE STANCE RE FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER BASES. CONCLUDES W/"SOME MINIMAL OBSERVANCE" RESPECT FOR PHIL SOVEREIGNTY/FAIR DEALING, US COULD STAY IN PHILS/PROTECT "PRIMARY INTERESTS" IN PAC.

ON SAME PG, SANTA ANA COLL HISTORY PROF OSBORNE ALSO DIS-AGREES W/ONORATO'S SUGGESTIONS. REVIEWS US' HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP W/PHILS, SAYS ADVOCATING USE MIL/ECON "CLOUT"

TO MAKE MARCOS MORE AMENABLE TO RETENTION US BASES "SOUNDS LIKE COERCION RATHER THAN SKILLFUL DIPLOMACY." ARGUES BASES NOT SO STRATEGIC AS ONORATO SAYS, BELIEVES VN OUT-COME WOULD HAVE BEEN NO DIFFERENT W/O THEM. CONCLUDES BASES NOW "PROBABLY MORE CONVENIENT THAN INDISPENSABLE" TO US SECURITY IN PAC.

11. GENERAL

STRAUSS (NYT) NOTES US STILL TRYING SAVE REST OF WORLD/BELIEVES REST OF WORLD MUST PLAY BY ITS RULES. SAYS AMERICANS SHOCKED THAT US FIRMS PAID BRIBES IN ASIA/ASIAN GOVTS BRIBE HERE. POINTS OUT CORRUPTION IS WAY OF LIFE IN ASIA; GIVES EXAMPLES IN JAKRTA/THAILAND/HK/PRC/SK/PHILS. BELIEVES ALL US SHOULD DO IS MAKE SURE AID MONEY NOT WASTED. GIVES EXAMPLES CORRUPTION IN US. ADDS THAT MOST OFFICIALS POORLY PAID IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OPINES "PAPER CONVENTION" ON INTL MORALTIY NOT LIKELY BE EFFECTIVE. STATES COUNTERPRODUCTIVE/SILLY FORCE US FIRMS LIVE UP TO MORALITY NO OTHER COUNTRY INSISTS ON. CONCLUDES BRIBERY IMMORAL/ILLEGAL IN US, SO GOVT MUST CRACK DOWN ON FOREIGNERS WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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TRY PLAY BY THEIR RULES IN OUR COUNTRY; BUT BRIBERY BY US FIRMS ABROAD TO BE EXPECTED.
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